

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert P. Lord (Reg No. 46,479) on 04/16/2010.

Please Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A machine-implemented method, comprising:

determining, by a processor, a first virtual operating system environment (VOSE)
of a plurality of VOSEs in which a first process executed, in response to
an ending of execution of ~~[[a]] the first process that executed in a first~~
~~virtual operating system environment (VOSE) of a plurality of VOSEs,~~
wherein the plurality of VOSEs is controlled by a single operating system
kernel instance, ~~a processor; determining in which VOSE of the plurality of~~
~~VOSEs the first process executed;~~
wherein each VOSE of the plurality of VOSEs comprises a file system partition of
a global file system; and
in response to the processor determining that the first process executed in the
first VOSE, recording, in a first system accounting log file (SALF) stored in
a first file system partition of the global file system associated with the first
VOSE, first accounting information about the first process.

13. (Currently Amended) A volatile or non-volatile machine-readable storage medium, comprising:

instructions for causing one or more processors to determine a first virtual operating system environment (VOSE) of a plurality of VOSEs in which a first process executed, in response to an ending of execution of ~~[[a]] the first process that executed in a first virtual operating system environment (VOSE) of a plurality of VOSEs, wherein the plurality of VOSEs is controlled by a single operating system kernel instance, in which VOSE of the plurality of VOSEs the first process executed;~~

wherein each VOSE of the plurality of VOSEs comprises a file system partition of a global file system; and

instructions for causing one or more processors to record, in response to determining that the first process executed in the first VOSE, in a first system accounting log file (SALF) stored in a first file system partition of the global file system associated with the first VOSE, first accounting information about the first process.

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor mechanism for determining a first virtual operating system environment (VOSE) of a plurality of VOSEs in which a first process executed, in response to an ending of execution of ~~[[a]] the first process that executed in a first virtual operating system environment (VOSE) of a plurality of VOSEs, wherein the plurality of VOSEs is controlled by a single operating system kernel instance, in which VOSE of the plurality of VOSEs the first process executed;~~

wherein each VOSE of the plurality of VOSEs comprises a file system partition of a global file system; and

a memory mechanism for recording, in response to determining that the first process executed in the first VOSE, in a first system accounting log file

(SALF) stored in a first file system partition of the global file system associated with the first VOSE, first accounting information about the first process.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ERIC C. WAI whose telephone number is (571)270-1012. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng - Ai An can be reached on 571-272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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